

EXECUTIVE ORDER 66-6**Rules for Display of the Arizona State Flag**

Authoritative guidelines for display and handling of the Arizona State Flag are necessary in order that citizens and organizations do not inadvertently display the flag in a disrespectful manner and in order that uniformity may be achieved in displaying the flag.

All citizens of Arizona should be aware of the correct methods of displaying the Arizona State Flag and make every effort to see that proper respect and courtesy is shown whenever the flag is displayed.

Therefore, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona by the Arizona Constitution and the Laws of Arizona, I order that the following customs and rules be observed in the State of Arizona when handling or displaying the Arizona State Flag:

1. General. The flag of the State of Arizona represents the living state and is considered a living thing. The right arm is the sword arm and therefore the point of danger; hence, the right is the position of honor. The edge of the flag which is toward the staff is the heraldic dexter or right edge. The Arizona State Flag, when in company with other flags of the same rank, is always given the position of honor, which is the marching right (the flag's own right, or the left of an observer facing it).
2. Raising the flag. The Arizona flag should be raised with utmost respect and where the occasion demands, with formality. The flag is attached to the halyard (a rope for raising the flag) and then it is hoisted briskly, being careful that the flag does not touch the ground.
3. Lowering the flag. The Arizona flag should be lowered slowly and with dignity. After removing the flag from the halyard, making sure it doesn't touch the ground, fold it in the same manner as the national flag. First fold in thirds, lengthwise, and then by a series of diagonal folds make it into a triangle.
4. Cleaning the flag. When the Arizona flag becomes soiled and dirty, it may be cleaned. However, when it becomes tattered and torn and no longer makes a respectable appearance, it should be destroyed by burning.
5. Display of flag with national colors. In all cases where the Arizona flag is displayed with the national colors the rules governing display of the national colors apply: the national flag shall have the honor position and be displayed to the right of state flag (to the left as seen by an observer facing them).
6. Display of flag at half staff. When the national colors are displayed at half staff, the Arizona flag should be displayed in like manner. However, the Governor may decree that the Arizona flag be displayed at half staff on other occasions and the national colors would not be so displayed unless ordered by the President of the United States.

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7. Display of flag with two or more nations. When the Arizona flag is displayed with flags of two or more nations, all flags should be on staffs of equal height and flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace. The Arizona flag should be placed immediately to the left (observer's right) of the foreign national flags and to the right (observer's left) of any other state flags. All other state flags shall be arranged in alphabetical order in the order of precedence of their entry into the nation.
8. Display of flag on flag poles. When flags are displayed on flag poles of equal size in front of a building or entrance to parks, fairgrounds or other area developments, the point of honor for the flags will be to the entrance or the building's right, the observer's left as he faces the front of the building or entrance.
9. Display of flag in processions. When the Arizona state flag is carried, as in a procession in Arizona with other flags, it will be to the left of all National flags, but to the right (the left of an observer facing the procession) of other state flags or flags of lower rank. When the Arizona flag is displayed with foreign flags and other state flags it will be of comparable size.
10. Display of flag with other flags and pennants. When a number of flags of states or cities or pennants of societies are grouped, as in a cluster, and displayed from staffs, the Arizona flag shall be displayed at the center or the highest point of the group.
11. Display of flag from crossed staffs. When the Arizona State Flag is displayed from crossed staffs with another state flag or flag of lesser rank, the Arizona flag will be to the flag's right (the observer's left) and staff shall be in front of the staff of the other flag.
12. Display of flag on same halyard with others. When the Arizona flag is flown on the same halyard with flags of cities or counties, the Arizona flag should always be at the peak. When flown on adjacent staffs (poles) the Arizona flag should be hoisted first, after the national flag, and lowered after all others except the national flag.
13. Display in auditorium. When the Arizona flag is displayed alone or with other state flags or flags of lower rank in the chancel of a church or on a platform or stage, the state flag will be placed to the flag's right as it faces the audience. If displayed in the body of the auditorium it should be placed to the flag's right as it faces the front of room.

14. Display of flag over a sidewalk. When the Arizona flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a building, the flag should be hoisted out from the building with the rays (upper half of flag) first.
15. Display of flag horizontally. When the Arizona flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at any angle from the window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the flag shall be placed upon the staff as if it were in an upright position.
16. Display of flag over the middle of the street. When the Arizona flag is displayed over the middle of the street, the flag should be suspended vertically with the rays to the north on an east-west street or to the east on a north-south street.
17. Other displays. When the Arizona flag is displayed in any manner other than being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed horizontally against a wall, the upper half of the flag (rays) will be at the top and the flag's dexter (right edge) will be to its right (the observer's left). When displayed vertically the flag's dexter (right) will be up and the rays will be to the flag's right (the observer's left). When displayed in a window it should be displayed in the same way. The flag should never be displayed as festoons, rosettes or drapings; bunting should be used for this purpose.

Arizonans are encouraged to display the Arizona State Flag whenever feasible.

APPENDIX

Provisions of the Arizona Revised Statutes

1. State colors State flag. (Ref. Sec. 41-791 Arizona Revised Statutes).
- A. Blue and old gold shall be the colors of the state. The blue shall be the same shade as that of the flag of the United States.

- B. The flag of the state shall be of the following design:

The lower half of the flag a blue field and the upper half divided into thirteen equal segments or rays which shall start at the center on the lower line and continue to the edges of the flag, colored alternately light yellow and red, consisting of six yellow and seven red rays. In the center of the flag, superimposed, there shall be a copper-colored five pointed star, so placed that the upper points shall be one foot from the top of the flag and the lower points one foot from the bottom of the flag. The red and blue shall be the same shade as the colors in the flag of the United States. The flag shall have a four-foot hoist and a six-foot hoist and a six-foot fly, with a two-foot star and the same proportions shall be observed for flags of other sizes.

C. The flag represents the copper star of Arizona rising from a blue field in the face of a setting sun.

2. Display of State flag. (Reference Sec. 41-792 Arizona Revised Statutes).

The state flag shall be displayed alongside the flag of the United States on or in front of the state capitol building, and institutional and educational buildings of the state as the governor directs, on or in front of the courthouse of each county, and other institutional buildings of each county as the board of supervisors directs, the city or town hall of each incorporated city or town, and other municipally owned buildings as the governing body of the municipality directs.

3. Desecration, mutilation or defilement of flag penalty:
flag defined; exception (Reference Sec. 41.793 Arizona Revised Statutes).

A. No person shall:

1. In any manner, for exhibition or display, place any word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawing or advertisement of any nature upon a flag, or expose to public view a flag upon which there is printed, painted or otherwise produced, or to which there is attached, appended or annexed any word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawing or advertisement.

2. Expose to public view, or sell, give or have in possession for any purpose, any article or merchandise, or receptacle for holding or carrying merchandise, upon or to which there is placed or attached any flag, in order to advertise, call attention to, decorate, mark or distinguish the article or substance.

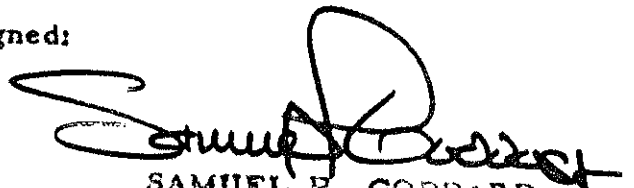
B. A person who violates any provision of subsection A of this section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars.

C. A person who publicly mutilates, defaces, defiles, tramples upon or by word or act casts contempt upon a flag is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars, by imprisonment in the county jail for not to exceed one year, or both.


D. The term flag, as used in this section, includes any flag, standard, color, ensign or shield, or any copy, picture or representation thereof, made of any substance or of any size, purporting to be the flag, standard, color, ensign or shield of the United States or of this state.

E. Any act permitted by the laws of the United States, or of this state or by army and navy regulations with any printed or written document or production, stationery, ornament, picture or jewelry on which is depicted the flag with no design or words thereon and disconnected with an advertisement, is not prohibited by this section.

Signed:


SAMUEL P. GODDARD
Governor of Arizona

Signed:


WESLEY BOLIN
Secretary of State

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